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Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the paragraphs at page 5, line 25 through page 6, line 24, in the following manner:

The invention as described in Patent Documents 3 and 4, does not suggest a solution of the problem in which the configuration cannot deal with the case where the OS of the client denies two-way communication.

~~DISCLOSURE OF THE INVENTION~~ SUMMARY

The present invention is being made in consideration of the above described problems, and it is a general object of the present invention to provide In an aspect of this disclosure, there is provided a method for obtaining a status of a printer by a simple configuration, a printer driver, and an information processing device.

~~To eliminate the above described problems, the present invention provides~~ In another aspect of this disclosure, there is provided a method for obtaining a status, in which a server computer and a client computer connected to a network share a printer connected to the server computer, and the client computer enables two-way communication and obtains status information of the printer via the server computer without depending on an operating system.

[[A]] In another aspect, a printer driver ~~regarding the present invention~~ is provided which is applicable to a system in which a server computer and a client computer connected to a network share a printer connected to the server computer, and includes means to obtain status information of the printer by performing two-way communication with the server computer without depending on an operating system of the client computer.

Please amend the paragraph at page 7, line 5-12, in the following manner:

[[An]] In another aspect, an information processing device ~~regarding the present invention, which is applicable to~~ in a system in which a server computer and a client computer connected to a network share a printer connected to the server

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computer, includes means to obtain status information of the printer by performing two-way communication with the server computer without depending on an operating system of the information processing device.

Please amend the paragraphs at page 7, line 19 through page 8, line 11, in the following manner:

The status information to be obtained by the above-mentioned method for obtaining status, ~~by the printer driver and by the information processing device~~, is at least one of option information indicating whether a mountable option is mounted on the printer or not, version information regarding a version of the printer, and status displaying information regarding a status of the printer.

According to the above-mentioned method for obtaining the status, ~~[[the]] printer driver, and [[the]] information processing device regarding the present invention~~, when a server computer and a client computer share a printer via a network, the client computer obtains status information of the printer by performing two-way communication with the server computer without depending on the operating system of the client computer. Accordingly, with a simple configuration, the client computer can obtain the status information of the printer, even if two-way communication is denied by the operating system.

Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 15 and 16, in the following manner:

First, according to the present embodiment, a two-way communication flag setting operation is performed as shown in Fig.5 so that a user can set ON/OFF the two-way communication operation. Accordingly, the user opens a UI (user interface) 25 of the printer driver (S52), then clicks an "OK" button so as to close the UI (S54) after setting two-way communication in the UI of the printer driver (S53). Thus, the printer driver stores a value of the two-way communication setting in the two-way communication flag of a registry 29 of the client PC 2 (S55) (for example, DEVMODE).

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Please amend the paragraph at page 16, lines 17-24, in the following manner:

After the printer information is obtained, it is determined whether the two-way ~~communication~~ flag of the printer information is ON (S65). If the two-way ~~communication~~ flag is ON, the two-way communication is executed (S67). If the two-way ~~communication~~ flag is not ON, it is determined whether a network connection flag of the printer information is ON (S66). If the network connection flag is ON, the two-way communication is executed.